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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES

Figure 1 is a graphical representation of the water uptake for membranes based on data from example 1, comparative example 1, and example 3.

Figure 2 is a graphical representation of thermochemical analysis (TMA) for membranes based on data from example 1 and comparative example 3.

Figure 3 is a graphical representation of hydrogen permeability for $30\mu m$ thick membranes based on data from example 1, example 3, and comparative example 3.

Figure 4 is a graphical representation of fuel cell performance and membrane ionic resistance for $30\mu m$ thick membranes based on data from example 1 and comparative example 4.

Figure 5 is a graphical representation of durability data for membrane performance for 500 hrs based on data from example 1.

Figure 6 is a graphical representation of cell performance, resistance corrected cathode performance and resistance corrected anode performance for a $40\mu m$ thick membrane based on data from example 1.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION